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- 1. FOLLOWING ARE TWO PROPOSED TOASTS FOR USE DURING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.
- 2. TOAST I. QTE. PRESIDENT AND MRS. CEAUSESCU, DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
- 3. NO NOE COULD HAVE PARTICIPATED -- AS I DID X DAYS AGO -- IN THE SOLEMN CEREMONY IN HELSINKI WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING THAT SOMETHING PROFOUND HAS HAPPENED IN THE WORLD IN RECENT YEARS. AS YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, HAVE POINTED OUT ON MANY OCCASIONS, THE WHIRLWIND OF CHANGE -- SOCIAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, GLOBAL IN DIMENSION -- AFFECTS ALL NATIONS.
- 4. IN MANY WAYS, THIS CHANGE IS FOR THE BETTER. WE ESPECIALLY WELCOME THE NEW RELATIONSHIP FORGED IN RECENT YEARS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, A RELATIONSHIP WHICH ROMANIA HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING POSSIBLE. YOUR ROLE, MR. PRESIDENT, HAS BEEN CONSISTENT, PRINCIPLED, AND APPRECIATED.
- 5. THE PROGRESS IN THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP IS ILLUSTRATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY THE FACT THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT ALL. THE

RESULTS ARE NO PANACEA. BUT THESE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS EXPRESS THE CLEARLY SHARED PREFERENCE AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS FOR COOPERATION OVER CONFRONTATION.

6. ROMANIA'S EFFORTS AS AN OUTSPOKEN, PRINCIPLED BUT COOPERATIVE PARTICIPANT AT GENEVA AND HELSINKI WERE EVIDENT TO ALL.

7. OUR TWO DELEGATIONS WERE OFTEN IN AGREEMENT. WHEN WE WERE NOT, WE CONSULTED FREQUENTLY, CONSTRUCTIVELY, CLOSELY AND NON-POLEMICALLY.

8. I AM DELIGHTED THAT OUR EFFORTS, AND THOSE OF THE 33 OTHER PARTICIPANTS HAVE BORN SOME FRUIT. NOT THE LEAST RESULT IS TO SHOW THAT SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COUNTRIES -- KEEPING BOTH THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND THE GENERAL INTEREST IN MIND-- CAN PLAY AN INDEPENDENT, EQUAL AND VALUABLE ROLE IN EVERY WAY.

9. YET, WHILE RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE'S WORK, THE UNITED STATES VIEWS IT AS ONLY A STEP IN A CONTINUING PROCESS.

10. THERE ARE TOO MANY GLOBAL CHALLENGES CONFRONTING US TO PERMIT OTHERWISE. WE LIVE IN A PIVOTAL PERIOD IN HUMAN HISTORY. IT IS ONE IN WHICH WEAPONS HAVE BEEN CREATED THAT AT A SINGLE STROKE CAN DESTROY OUR CIVILIZATION. AT THE SAME TIME WE HAVE A WORLD ECONOMY THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, POSSESSES THE POTENTIAL TO ERADICATE HUMAN POVERTY, HUNGER AND SUFFERING. NO LONGER CAN WE LET OLD ANTAGONISMS, RIGID PREJUDICES AND DOGMAS, OR PETTY DISPUTES DIVERT OUR ATTENTION FROM THE MAJOR EFFORTS NEEDED TO SOLVE THE WORLD'S PRESSING PROBLEMS.

11. HOW DO WE DIFINE THESE PROBLEMS? HOW DO WE NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THE RICH AND THE POOR? HOW DO WE FEED THE WORLD'S HUNGRY? WHAT ABOUT OVERPOPULATION? HOW DO WE ALLOCATE AND USE WISELY THE WORLD'S PRECIOUS RESOURCES? HOW DO WE PRESERVE THW WORLD'S NATURAL CAPITAL, THE NATURAL ENVIRONLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENT WHICH WE SEE FROM SPACE AS A SMALL DELICATE GLOBE? HOW DO WE BUILD BETTER, MORE DECENT, MORE JUST SOCIETIES AMONG MANKIND?

12. THE CHALLENGES WE FACE REQUIRE THE BEST EFFORTS AND IDEAS OF ALL CONCERNED.
ALL NATIONS HAVE THEIR LEGITIMATE
PART TO PLAY IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, AND THIS RIGHT IS BEYOND

DISPUTE.

13. ONE LOGICAL FORUM FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS IS THE UNITED NATIONS, BUT THE UN IS A TROUBLED ORGANIZATION. ITS PROGRESS IS BEING HAMPERED BY SERILE, OFTEN DOCTRINAIRE CONFRONTATION. ATTEMPTS TO MANIPULATE THE CHARTER TO ACHIEVE NARROW POLITICAL AND UNILATERAL ENDS ARE MORE FREQUENT. IF THIS IS CONTINUED, THE VALUE AND VERY EXISTENCE OF THE UN WILL BE THREATENED.

14. IN EUROPE CONFRONTATION HAS BEGUN TO GIVE WAY TO COOPERATION. IN THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION WE SHOULD ACT IN THE SMAE SPIRIT. THE CHALLENGES OF THIS GLOBE DEMAND THE ATTENTION OF MEN OF GOOD WILL EVERYWHERE. THE UNITED STATES HOPES THESE CHALLENGES CAN BE MET THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION DESIGNED TO BE THE HEALER OF POLITICAL CONFLICT AND THE PROMOTER OF HUMAN WELFARE.

15. ROMANIA HAS WON THE ADMIRATION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND OF THE WORLD FOR HER INDEPENDENT VIEWS AND HER POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORLD PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING. I HAVE STRONG CONFIDENCE SHE WILL HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN HELPING TO FIND PRACTICAL, DURABLE SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PROBLEMS AS WELL.

16. I DEDICATE THIS TOAST TO ROMANIA'S PAST CONTRIBUTIONS, KNOWING THAT FUTURE CHALLENGES AWAIT ROMANIA'S CREATIVEEFFORTS IN THE COURSE OF WORLD PEACE AND PROSPERITY. END QUOTE. END OF TOAST.

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17. TOAST II. AS I STAND BEFORE THIS DISTINGUISHED CROWD MY THOUGHTS TURN TO THE EARLIEST DAYS OF MY PRESIDENCY. ONE OF THE FIRST MESSAGES OF SUPPORT THAT I RECEIVED CAME FROM YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. AS YOU CAN UNDERSTAND, THIS WAS A TRYING PERIOD FOR ME, AND FOR AMERICA, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOUR GESTURE WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED. I REMEMBER, TOO, OUR FIRST MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON THE EVE OF MY BEING SWORN IN AS VICE PRESIDENT AND OF COURSE OUR USEFUL DISCUSSION JUST TWO MONTHS AGO WHEN YOU PASSED THROUGH WASHINGTON.

18. IN PREPARING FOR THIS VISIT TO ROMANIA, I HAVE HAD
THE CHANCE TO REVIEW THE REMARKABLE STRIDES THAT HAVE
TAKEN PLACE IN OUR RELATIONS IN A COMPARATIVELY FEW YEARS.
IN FACT, SINCE WE LAST MET OUR TRADE AGREEMENT HAS GONE INTO
EFFECT AND I AM CONVINCED THAT ASA RESULT WE WILL WITNESS A STRONG
SURGE IN ECONOMIC CONTACTS OF ALL KINDS WHICH WILL BE OF GREAT
MUTUAL BENEFIT TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I HAVE SIMILAR
HOPES FOR THE NEW FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST DECEMBER
ON CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES. I AM PERSUADED
THAT THROUGH THIS AGREEMENT OUR PEOPLES BY WORKING
TOGETHER CAN HELP EACH OTHER IN COMMON AREAS OF CONCERN
IN SUCH IMPORTANT FIELDS AS HEALTH, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE
AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

19. THERE REMAINS A MULTITUDE OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN PRIVATE SCHOLARS, RESEARCHERS, AND INSTITUTES IN THE UNITED STATES, ON THE ONE HAND, AND THEIR ROMANIAN COUNTERPARTS, ON THE OTHER. I PERSONALLY HOPE WE CAN MAKE THE MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THIS POTENTIALWC IN PARALLEL WITH OUR EXCELLENT STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS. THE CHANNLENGE TO BOTH COUNTRIES IS TO KEEP SEEKING OUT THOSE COMMON INTERESTS AND FINDING NEW AND BETTER WAYS TO COOPERATE SO AS TO HELP BOTH OUR PEOPLES. THE MORE NORMAL OUR RELATIONS ARE IN EVERY FIELD, THE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS IT WILL BE.

20. WHAT TO ME IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT ARE THE SHARED PRINCIPLES - EXPRESSED IN THE DECLARATION SIGNED IN WASHINGTON IN 1973 - WHICH EXPLAIN HOW TWO COUNTRIES FAR APART GEOGRAPHICALLY, WITH DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHIES OF GOVERNMENT CAN COOPERATE WELL IN MANY FIELDS. WE BOTH BELIEVE IN THE EQUALITY OF ALL STATES. WE BOTH SEEK GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR SIZE, LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT OR SOCIAL SYSTEM. WE BOTH BELIEVE IN EACH STATE'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE ITS OWN PATH FOR DEVELOPMENT. AND WE BOTH RESPECT EACH STATE'S SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE AND RECOGNIZE THAT UNLESS THAT INDEPENDENCE IS NOT INFRINGED UPON AND NOT THREATENED,

RSTHERE CAN BE NO REAL AND LASTING PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN THE WORLD. THIS, AFTER ALL, IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF BOTH OUR FOREIGN POLICIES.

- 21. MR. PRESIDENT, LET ME RETURN TO WHAT I SAID AT THE OUTSET: THERE HAS BEEN A PIONEERING SPIRIT IN OUR RELATIONS DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS. WE HAVE NEVER BEEN AFRAID TO RISK NEW VENTURES IN COOPERATION, IN SEEKING FRESH APPROACHES. WE HAVE ANTICIPATED MANY OF THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY MARKED EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN GENERAL. THESE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE CONFIRMED OUR COURSE AS CORRECT AND JUSTIFIED.
- 22. I AM TOLD ROMANIANS ARE FOND OF PROVERBS. I AM ALSO TOLD YOU HAVE A SAYING THAT DUCKLINGS ARE TO BE COUNTED ONLY IN THE AUTUMN. WE HAVE A SIMILAR ONE WHICH STATES DON'T COUNT YOUR CHICKENS UNTIL THEY ARE HATCHED. IT'S ALMOST FALL NOW, AND I THINK WE CAN, ON THE BASIS OF THE LAST SEVERAL AUTUMNS, SAY THAT WE HAVE DONE A LOT. BUT THERE ARE OTHER AUTUMNS TO COME AND SO I DRINK TO WHAT WE CAN STILL ACCOMPLISH TO THOSE NEW DUCKLINGS AND CHICKENS. UNQTE. BARNES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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